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SUBJ: CONVERSION TO 60 CYCLE ELECTRIC CURRENT - MEXICO CITY

1. LONG-AWAITED AND OFTEN POSTPONED CONVERSION OF MEXICO CITY'S ELECTRIC CURRENT FROM FIFTY TO SIXTY CYCLES NOW APPEARS LIKELY TO OCCUR WITHIN NEXT SIX MONTHS. HARBINGER IS NOTICE FROM OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY WHICH STATES THAT COST OF CONVERSION ELEVATORS IN PROPERTY #04128 MUST BE ABSORBED BY USG AND WHICH OFFERS ATTRACTIVE PAYMENT PLAN FOR THE WORK.

2. IF WE AGREE TO PAY IN TWELVE MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS, OTIS GUARANTEES A TOTAL PRICE OF PESOS 68,979 OR DOLS. 5522.74 FOR CONVERSION, REGARDLESS OF ANY LATER CHANGE IN MATERIAL OR LABOR COST. ADDITIONALLY, INSTITUTIONS WHICH TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY WHEN WORK IS EVENTUALLY SCHEDULED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: ALLOTMENT INCREASE OF DOLS. 1,840. TO COVER MONTHLY PAYMENTS MARCH THROUGH JUNE 1975 IN ACCORD OTIS' MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN. FYI: WE ARE CURRENTLY OBTAINING COST ESTIMATES FOR CONVERSION BUILDING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT IN OB AND OTHER USG-OWNED PROPERTIES IN MEXICO CITY. GOM WILL ABSORB MOST COSTS IN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, BUT EMERGENCY GENERATORS IN OB AND AT ER, PLUS ELEVATORS IN 09128 WILL HAVE TO BE CONVERTED, AS WELL AS SOME AIRHANDLING EQUIPMENT. WE WILL KEEP FBO INFORMED. END FYI.

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